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SOURCE: Artillery Unit

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1. Early November 1953, an artillery unit consisting of eight guns drawn by an equal number of ZIS-151 trucks heading for Sarande on the Vlone-Himare-Sarande coastal road.

Recruiting

2. Beginning in September 1953, the length of service for troops in artillery, communications, transportation units and non-commissioned officers in infantry units was increased from two to three years. This announcement had an adverse effect on the morale of enlisted men concerned.

Military Installations on the Island of Saseno

3. A command post used by an u/i military unit is located at point (Q.L. 786-545) on the island of Saseno. This two story building measures 10 x 10 x 6 meters and is constructed of concrete. Approximately 10 meters west of this command post are three barracks in which a small force of troops is quartered. These barrack buildings sit in a row, measure 10 x 8 x 4 meters each, and were constructed by the Italians.
4. Round steel warehouses on concrete foundations, constructed by the Italians, are located at points (Q.L. 783-541) and (Q.L. 783-529) on the island of Saseno.

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